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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: THEBAINE AVAILABILITY FOR POTENTIAL IMPORT INTO
U.S.

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1. THE APPROXIMATELY 30 KGS. OF THEBAINE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN BEL-
GIUM WAS PROCESSED FROM OPIUM IMPORTED MAINLY FROM INDIA. THIS
THEBAINE IS USED TO MANUFACTURE HYDROCODONE, THEBACONE AND OXYCODONE.

2. THOUGH THEBAINE IS NOT NOW BEING EXPORTED FROM BLEGIUM, THERE IS
NO PROHIBITION AGAINST ITS EXPORT. THERE ARE CONTROLS, HOWEVER.
THE EXPORTER WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR AN EXPORT LICENSE, PRESENTING AS
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A PART OF HIS APPLICATION A VALID IMPORT LICENSE FROM THE COUNTRY OF
DESTINATION. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
FORESEES NO PROBLEM REGARDING EXPORT LICENSING.

3. THE SOLE PRODUCER OF THEBAINE IN BELGIUM IS BIOS-COUTELIER,
46 CHAUSSEE DE LOUVAIN, WOLUWE ST. PIERRE 1940 BELGIUM. THAT

FIRM'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, LEON SCHMIT, SAID THAT HIS FIRM COULD
PRODUCE FOR EXPORT. SCHMIT WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON THE POSSIBILITY OF
A CODEINE-THEBAINE EXCHANGE. HE WANTED TO KNOW ROUGHLY HOW MANY
KGS. OF THEBAINE U.S. FIRMS MIGHT WISH TO PURCHASE. SCHMIT SAID
THAT HE COULD SUPPLY SOME 250-300 KGS. A YEAR. THERE WAS NO
DISCUSSION OF TERMS. RENNER

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